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HOUSE DRH60269-LU-59 (3/1)

Short Title: Limit Use of Smart Start Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Earle.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE NORTH
CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC., FOR 'MORE AT FOUR'
PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-168.15(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Depending on local, regional, or statewide needs, funds may be used to support activities and services that shall be made available and accessible to providers, children, and families on a voluntary basis. Of the funds allocated to local partnerships for direct services, seventy percent (70%) of the funds spent in each year shall be used in child care related activities and early childhood education programs that improve access to child care and early childhood education services, develop new child care and early childhood education services, and improve the quality of child care and early childhood education services in all settings. However, funds allocated to local partnerships pursuant to this section shall not be used to support 'More At Four' programs in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) statewide on an annual basis."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.